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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/919,807	<b>Applicant(s)</b> NAGATA ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 2/11/08.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 2,26,28,30 and 31.

Identification of prior art discussed: Onda, Stamper, Tajiri.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argued that Onda, Stamper and Tajiri alone or in combination do not disclose obtaining mastery status information from the terminal apparatus and accumulating and storing this mastery status information in the distribution device. The examiner disagrees and further pointed out where the combination fo the references teaches this feature.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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